



***San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission***

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MINUTES
May 8, 2008

COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford	1	Present
Paul Kelpin	1	Present
Florence Sloane, Vice-Chair	2	Present
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Present
	3	Vacant
Teresa Barth	3	Absent
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Absent
Jim Dodd, Chair	4	Present
Jim Conrad	5	Present
Steve Turigliatto	5	Present

- A. A quorum of Commissioners being present, Chairman Dodd called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- B. Introductions
The Commissioners introduced themselves. Other introductions are as follows:
Marcia Milam, Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures
Terri Stewart, Supervising Biologist, DFG
Dr. David Jessop, family, and friends
George Cowan
- C. Approval of minutes of the meetings from February 14, 2008. Motion made by Commissioner Conrad to approve minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Sloane. Call for the vote: motion was approved unanimously.
- D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda. (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)
Marcia Milam reported that the County is seeking replacements for 2 Commission positions in District 1 (Cox) and District 3 (Slater-Price). Commissioners Campbell and Bransford indicated that they had potential candidates in mind and would make contact .

E. Chairman's Report (Dodd)

Chairman Dodd passed around information regarding proposed changes to firearms prohibitions in National Parks and certain US Fish and Wildlife refuges. Discussion of this topic was tabled pending action on 2nd Amendment cases now before the Supreme Court soon. These cases may impact National and County Park firearms policy.

F. Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.

Old Business:

1. Monthly Meeting with CDFG (Sloane)

Terri Stewart and Ed Pert will meet with the Commission on May 22, 2008. Terri Stewart (Department of Fish and Game or DFG) will publish the agenda by May 22.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Application for Grants by FWAC (Campbell)

Commissioner Campbell met with Ed Pert April 25, 2008, for the second of an ongoing series of meetings regarding actions to preserve San Diego's wild trout fisheries. DFG was represented by Ed Pert and Dr. Dwayne Maxwell. The public was represented by Paul Curtis, a fisheries biologist in private practice, Mike Pottorff, former FWAC Commissioner and Alan Greenwood of San Diego Trout.

Commissioner Campbell discussed the information from Bob Atkins (see Feb 14th minutes) regarding the procedures that FWAC would need to pursue in order to be able to apply/administer a grant. FWAC decided to pursue grant funding through DFG. Ed Pert indicated that DFG could/would use grant funding to pursue the restoration and conservation objectives. DFG agreed that Prop AB could provide funds to help support operation of the conservation hatchery. The meeting attendees agreed on elements of a Memorandum of Understanding between Chula Vista Nature Center and DFG, discussed need for conservation hatchery to help recover local trout, and the availability of grant funds to support the project. Commissioner Campbell inquired about Mr. Pert expressing interest in supporting the project and asked for background information, which Mr. Campbell provided.

Commissioner Campbell suggested that, in the absence of dissent, this item should be combined with Item 3 Loveland Reservoir and Palo Verde Dam, and retitled "Fisheries Restoration Issues".

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Loveland Reservoir and Palo Verde Dam (Campbell)

Per discussion with Ed Pert of DFG (25 April), minimum flow questions need to be addressed to the Palo Verde Dam operator. This is a necessary condition for recovering Sweetwater River steelhead from Loveland Reservoir and is one of the top five fishery development goals for the region. This item to be combined with Item 2 above.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

4. SDCWF participation in a F&G Commission sponsored dinner (Sloane)
Per Commissioner Sloane, this item is past its action date, and should be reconsidered in the October/November 2008. Absent dissent, item is tabled until that time.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

New Business:

1. Ceremony Honoring Service to Wildlife (Dodd)
Chairman Dodd presented the plaque from the County Board of Supervisors to Dr. David Jessop recognizing his contributions to hunting and fishing in San Diego County. Commissioner Bransford presented a plaque to Dr. Jessop from the San Diego County Wildlife Federation (SDCWF), recognizing Dr. Jessop's service. Dr. Jessop reflected that three things stood out as his most significant and lasting contributions: negotiating with Helix Water District to make Lake Cuyamaca a permanent body of water; creating the Ocean Beach Pier during the World War II era, and introducing the Florida largemouth bass to San Diego's reservoirs. Dr. Jessop noted that DFG was often an obstacle to moving the fish out of Upper Otay Reservoir. He also noted that in today's political environment, the introduction could never be accomplished.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

G. Commissioner's Corner –

- Jim Dodd – Noted that the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on 2d Amendment cases is expected in June, and would like the issue of FWAC recommendations on National and County Park firearms policy placed on the agenda.
- Jack Bransford: Reported that the San Diego County Wildlife Federation has invited Dan Richards to the next Federation meeting. Dan Richards is the newest member of the State Fish and Game Commission, and is from Temecula, CA. Commissioner Bransford thinks FWAC should invite Mr. Richards to a meeting of the San Diego County Commission, and asks that this item be placed on the agenda for June 2008.
- Jim Conrad – Noted that no progress has been made on the goals the Commission established for 2008. He asks that a review of the Commission mission statement be agendized for June 2008.
- Steve Turigliatto – Reported that several constituents from District 5 (Horn) have asked him about turkey depredation permits. He noted that San Diego County has the highest turkey harvest of any County in the spring hunt, and asked Terri Stewart (DFG) when the question of a fall turkey season would be on the agenda of the State Fish and Game Commission. Terri Stewart reported that the issue was on the agenda for the current State Commission meeting and either had been discussed today, or would be discussed tomorrow (May 9).

H. Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm. Motion by Bransford, seconded by Conrad.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

1. Invitation to Dan Richards to the next FWAC meeting (Bransford)
2. Review of the Commission mission statement and goals (Conrad)

3. FWAC recommendations on National and County Park firearms policy (Dodd)

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